

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-15 are pending in this application; claims 6 and 14-15 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 6 and 14 and added new claim 15. In light of the amendments and remarks contained herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

**The Official Action**

In the Office Action mailed September 12, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 6, 7, 9, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fujimori* (USP 5,027,214) in view of *Wakui* (USP 5,742,339); rejected claims 8, 10, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fujimori* and *Wakui* and further in view of *Watanabe* (USP 4,887,161); and rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Moronaga et al.* (USP 5,473,370). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

**Examiner Interview**

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on October 30, 2002. It is respectfully submitted that the comments contained herein expand upon those items discussed during the interview.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103**

With regard to the Examiner's rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, during the interview, the parties agreed that *Fujimori* and *Wakui* do not teach a built-in memory for storing a plurality of images. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 6 and claim 14 to recite a built-in memory for storing a plurality of images in the form of

image data. Additionally, Applicant has added new independent claim 15 to recite a built-in memory for storing a plurality of processed images in the form of image data. Based upon these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6, 14, and 15, together with claims dependent thereon, are not obvious over *Fujimori* in view of *Wakui*, assuming these references are combinable, which Applicant does not admit. As such, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102**

With regard to the Examiner's rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), during the interview, it was agreed that the *Moronaga et al.* reference does not teach the invention set forth in claim 14. As such, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn. It is further respectfully submitted that new independent claim 15 contains similar elements to those contained in claim 14 and, thus, claim 15 does not read on the *Moronaga et al.* reference.

**CONCLUSION**

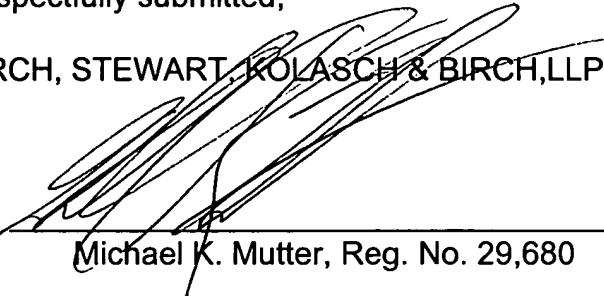
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims have been amended as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A digital camera for capturing images, comprising:

a built-in memory for storing a plurality of images in the form of image data [representing captured images], said built-in memory being provided in a camera body;

a detachable memory card for storing image data, said detachable memory card having a larger storage capacity than said built-in memory;

an insertion slot for receiving said detachable memory card;

detecting means for detecting insertion of said detachable memory card into said insertion slot; and

memory control means for automatically transferring the image data from said built-in memory to said detachable memory card upon said detecting means detecting said insertion.

14. (Amended) A digital camera for capturing images, comprising:

a built-in memory for storing a plurality of images in the form of image data [representing a plurality of captured images], said built-in memory being provided in a camera body;

a detachable memory card for storing image data, said detachable memory card having a larger storage capacity than said built-in memory, wherein the

digital camera is useable to capture the plurality of images when the detachable memory card is detached from the camera;

an insertion slot for receiving said detachable memory card;

a detector for detecting insertion of said detachable memory card into said insertion slot; and

a memory controller for automatically transferring the image data from said built-in memory to said detachable memory card upon said detector detecting said insertion.

New claim 15 has been added.